



# GOOD NEWS BREAD

A STORY TOLD WITH BREAD OF SEVEN COLOURS

PURPLE

A long time ago, God made a promise to send a king. A king who would fix the brokenness of this world and bring justice and peace. A king who would reign for eternity by defeating our worst enemy, death itself. **PURPLE BECAUSE OF JESUS' ROYALTY**

BLUE

When the time came, God did not send just any king. No, he sent his one and only son, known as Emmanuel, which means "*God with us*". His name is Jesus, which means "*God Saves*". This king's arrival was not typical of a great king. He arrived just like any other baby, in weakness and humility. **BLUE BECAUSE OF JESUS' HUMBLE BIRTH**

WHITE

Unlike other children, Jesus never lied, never cheated, never disobeyed, and most of all he demonstrated a unique relationship with God, whom he called his father. Jesus was perfect, without sin. His love for the sinner, the outcast, the disabled, the blind, the diseased... for everyone, was matched by his power to heal them. These miracles proved that Jesus was both sent by God but also one with God. Jesus was no ordinary man. He was the eternal king promised long ago. **WHITE BECAUSE OF JESUS' PERFECT AND SINLESS LIFE**

RED

The religious leaders of the day felt threatened by this king. And so, they arrested him at night. He was falsely accused and condemned to die. He was beaten and nailed to a wooden cross. What the religious leaders didn't realize was that his death had been prophesied hundreds of years earlier. Jesus came for this purpose. He accepted a death he didn't deserve because he knew his blood was the only way. **RED BECAUSE OF JESUS' BLOOD**

BLACK

The king was dead. But how could he die the death of a criminal? The Bible says that sin earns death for the guilty (Romans 6:23), but Jesus had never sinned, so how could he die? What they didn't realize was that he had not died for his own sins. No, he had died for **our** sins. Jesus was the sinless substitute, the only one who could take the penalty for sin that you and I deserve. **BLACK BECAUSE OF JESUS' DEATH & OUR SIN THAT CAUSED IT**

GREEN

But what was the outcome of killing the sinless and eternal king? Because he did not have to die for his own sins, he was able to die for ours. Because he is eternal, he was able to pay the eternal penalty that our sin demands. Once our sins were paid for, the tomb could not contain him, and nothing could keep him dead. And so, three days later his lifeless body arose from the dead. Jesus now offers eternal life as a free gift to anyone who believes. **GREEN BECAUSE JESUS IS ALIVE & THE GIVER OF ETERNAL LIFE**

YELLOW

And now Jesus the king is seated at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. From his throne he welcomes all those who put their trust in him as their only hope, their only access to heaven, their only answer to the question, "Who paid for your sins that you may now come to God?" Jesus is the answer, and that's the good news!

**YELLOW BECAUSE JESUS NOW REIGNS IN HEAVEN & INVITES YOU THERE**